

**Town of Foxborough
Conservation Commission Minutes
February 24, 2014**

Members Present: Robert Boette (Chair), Allan Curtis (Vice Chair), Eric Nelson (Clerk), and Douglas Davis
Members Absent: Judith Johnson, James Marsh and Valerie Marshall
Staff Present: Jane Sears Pierce, Conservation Manager, and Lee Ann Tavares, Secretary
Others Present: No meeting attendees

Meeting Opened

Bob Boette opened the meeting in the Boyden Library at 7:45 p.m., after the fourth commissioner arrived (i.e. quorum).

Advisory Committee Meeting Update

Bob reported that the Advisory Committee had included the requested \$10,000 maintenance expense line item in the Commission's FY15 budget. He added that if the Commission receives the requested funds from the Capital Improvement Planning (CIP) Commission, the Advisory Committee will vote to remove the \$10,000 line item.

2/10/14 Minutes

Motion was made by Eric Nelson to accept the 2/10/14 meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Doug Davis. **Vote: 4-0-0.**

Managers Report

Jane reviewed her Manager's Report, including congratulating Jim and Alison Marsh on the birth of their baby boy, William (Will) Warren Marsh, who was born on February 12th.

Conservation Rental Properties Update

CIP Request

Based on correspondence from Bill Casbarra, the Commission is requesting \$62,300 from the Capital Improvement Planning (CIP) Committee to cover the necessary repairs for 89 North Street. Doug suggested calling Mass Save and looking into the energy savings programs that they offer. A free Home Energy Assessment could be performed for the property by Mass Save. Jane will look into this.

89 North Street

Jane reported that Darlene Groves, tenant at 89 North Street, had called her stating that they are having problems with ice dams and roof leaks, as well as a septic smell whenever they use their washing machine.

87 North Street

The Fire Department is moving forward with their plans to use 87 North Street for fire training, currently scheduled for May 17. An asbestos inspection is required prior to the training, estimated to cost \$300 plus \$25 for each sample of material analyzed. Since the Commission does not have the funds to cover this cost, Bill Casbarra suggested that Jane should contact Fire Chief Roger Hatfield to ask if he would cover this cost. There will also be a cost for demolition and cleanup after the training, which the Highway Department might be able to handle; the only demolition cost would be for the dumpsters.

120 Spring Street

Jane presented a draft letter of appreciation to be sent to School Business Administrator Bill Yukna, thanking him and two of his staff members (Tony Moussalli and Juan Nova) for all their assistance in preparing the property to be rented. Bob asked Jane to copy the Town Manager.

Open Space & Recreation Plan Implementation Committee

Jane reported that Heather Harding (Board of Recreation Chair) will be coming to the Commission's next meeting to discuss the creation of an OSRP Implementation Committee. She has also offered to serve on the Committee.

Planning Board Referral – 35 and 45 Panas Road

Jane presented a copy of the comments memo, submitted to the Planning Board regarding 35 and 45 Panas Road, for the Commission's review and final approval. The Commission did not have any additions or revisions to the memo.

MACC Conference

Jane reminded the Commission that the MACC annual conference will be on Saturday, March 1. She, Eric and Judi will be attending the conference.

Continued Hearing - Regulations for Foxborough's Wetland Bylaw (Article IX)

Motion was made by Doug Davis to continue the hearing for the Regulations for Foxborough's Wetland Bylaw (Article IX) to the next meeting; seconded by Eric Nelson. **Vote: 4-0-0**

Meeting Adjourned

Motion was made by Doug Davis to adjourn; seconded by Allan Curtis. **Vote: 4-0-0**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Nelson, Clerk

Draft minutes submitted by Lee Ann Tavares: 2/26/14

Reviewed by Jane Sears Pierce: 2/26/14

Approved by Commission: 3/10/14

Documents, Not Referenced Above

1. Agenda, February 24, 2014 (attached)
2. Manager's Report, filed in Manager's Report binder in the Conservation Office.